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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:
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Application No.: 09/961,409

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Examiner: Shafer, Ricky D.

Title: DEFORMABLE MIRROR HAVING DISPLACEMENT DETECTING FUNCTION

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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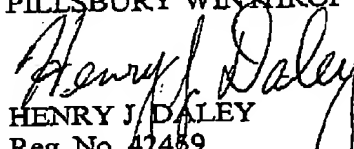
In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse, species C directed to a deformable element being a mirror. Claims 1-14, and 16 read on Species C; claims 13 and 14 are generic to Species A, B and C.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that a prompt and favorable Action on the merits of this Application be issued.

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Respectfully submitted,

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